First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

August 7, 2022
10:00 am

Living into the Promise
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recording to Cloud **JOSHUA CATANIA**

I Come with Joy

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- **Today—the first Sunday of the month--we celebrate the birthdays of folks in our faith community born in this month by singing "Happy Birthday**" to Rev. Nancy Rohde, Rick Sherwood, and anyone else whose August birthday we don't know about.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **DONNA EYSTER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Zoom Host, Worship Leader and Greeter is Donna Eyster.
  - The Greeter will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - **This is the first Sunday of the month; we will be sharing communion during this service. Please gather your own elements. Creativity is a blessing!**
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Let It Shine"
196 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Unison **DONNA EYSTER**

Leader: God calls us today to be people of justice and mercy.

People: Our lives fall short when we focus only on ourselves.

Leader: God asks that our words of faith become actions of hope.

People: Thanks be to God who challenges and calls us.

Leader: Let our ministry in community together bring peace and justice.

People: Let our lives reflect God's abundant love and mercy. Amen.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Be Thou My Vision"
12 ES

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 1:17** **DONNA EYSTER**

SECOND READING **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"For the Faithful Who Have Answered"
384 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Living into the Promise"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording (button with two vertical lines)
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

Our Hope, who is all around us, treasured is your name. Your community come, your desire be done, among us now as it is in heaven. Give us this day nourishment to thrive. Forgive us our mistakes and the hurt we have caused, as we forgive those who have made mistakes that hurt us. Grant us the Sprit's wisdom, that we may not be led into harm's way. For yours is the kindom, and the strength, and the splendor forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

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First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"The Time Was Early Evening"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v.2 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **DONNA EYSTER**

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kindom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"
417 NCH

COMMUNION SERVICE **PASTOR LIZ**

No matter who you are and where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Christ's table!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING **PASTOR LIZ**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"
369 NCH

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: We celebrate a faith that is measured not by the usual signs of greatness, but by the marks of love.

People: And we celebrate the God who gives it.

Leader: We celebrate a love that is measured not by romance or emotion, but by acts of compassion and service.

People: And we celebrate the God who gives it.

Leader: We celebrate a life that is measured not by the trappings of wealth and power, but by the lives that are healed and enriched.

People: And we celebrate the God who gives it.

Leader: We celebrate the life that is revealed in Christ, and for the Spirit who empowers us to follow Christ's example.

People: And we celebrate the God who gives it.

Leader: Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Give Thanks for Life"** **JOSHUA CATANIA**

PASSING THE PEACE *Stop Zoom Recording (square button) **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Catania, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, MID Ministry Intern
Donna Eyster, Zoom Host/Worship Leader/Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Next Week: **Barbara Garland, Zoom Host/Worship Leader**

Luncheon Gatherings:

- **TODAY –** 1:00 Los Amigos Fiesta, 4855 Washtenaw Ave, Ann Arbor, 48108
- **August 21 –** Lillian Long will host, 505 Boulderstone Ln. Chelsea, 48188. Folks may want to talk about sharing a ride as Chelsea is about a half hour drive from Ypsilanti. Pastor Liz will be at Lillian's beforehand helping host and won't be able to drive folks.

The Coffee Ministry at Trinity Health St Joseph Mercy continues.
During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of our faith community provided local coffee, cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at St. Joe Hospital where Dan Kidder-McQuon is the night chaplain.

While COVID has faded (for now), and the hospital has resumed "normal" operations for the most part. What hasn't changed has been the stress level of night staff. Some of this is leftover from the effects of COVID: lack of staff, nation-wide nurse shortage, burnout.

In response to the ongoing night staff stress, Dan has kept the coffee ministry going, which continues to mean a great deal to the night staff.

Local establishments that roast their own coffee, which the staff has enjoyed include:
Hyperion Coffee Co, RoosRoast, Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea, Mighty Good Coffee Roasting Co, Zingermans Coffee Co, TeaHaus, Bridge Community Café, or a favorite coffee of a member of our community.

From Dan: *Some angels of our church have helped me keep the coffee ministry going. On a regular basis, I get the best coffee in Michigan dropped off by Marty, plus resupplies of cups. You have no idea how thankful I am, and how thankful the staff are for this blessing. It's spread: A couple staff members (a security sergeant and a nurse) have been donating coffee, as they know about the ministry. I just want the church to know you have been a blessing to hundreds of nurses, techs, doctors, clerks, cleaners, security, and every now and then chaplains and patient families. Holy grounds!*

Marty Kleino will gladly see your contribution reach Dan. Contact Marty: 734-262-1419

Sunday, September 18 is our Fall Kick-Off Sunday. Hybrid worship (both in-person and on Zoom) resumes.

<u>Sunday, September 25</u>: Our Neighborhood and Community Pet Blessing Ceremony. Jenn Zibbell, MID, is Team Lead for this special event. Look for more from Jenn as to how you can participate in preparations.

<u>Beginning Monday, Oct 3 at 7:00 pm Zoom: Weekly gathering for our community of faith to complete the work of "Purpose = Identity + Context + Values" from Susan Beaumont's *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going: Leading in a Liminal Season*</u>:

- Thanks to all who completed the Google Survey on day/time availability.
- A majority of folks (11 total) indicated they could be available Monday at 7:00 pm.
- In order to address the concerns raised by almost half the responders about absences due to summer family and travel commitments, these discernment gatherings will begin on **<u>Monday, Oct 3</u>**

Please use the more relaxed summertime to allow the ideas in Susan Beaumont's book to percolate while continuing to pray that we may recognize and respond to the ministry and missions God's Spirit is calling YFC UCC to next

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls.

Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Let It Shine

♩=100
D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯ Em7 A
Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that shows the way; let it
♩=100
6
Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D
shine, let it shine, and show us peace to - day.
10
G D/F♯ Em A D G D/F♯ Em7 A
1. The church bears wit - ness to God's grace, its mis - sion crys - tal clear: to
2. When love re - plac - es hu - man greed, a last - ing peace will come as
3. Now let us give our - selves to God with - in this war - torn world, and
3

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15 G D/F♯ F♯ Bm Em Asus A

1.2.

show the world God's hu - man face, a world that God holds dear. Let it
hands reach out to hu - man need from hearts no long - er numb. Let it
work till jus - tice walks a-broad with flags of peace un -

19 Asus A D A/C♯ Bm A G D/F♯

3.

-furled. Let it shine, let it shine, the light of the world that

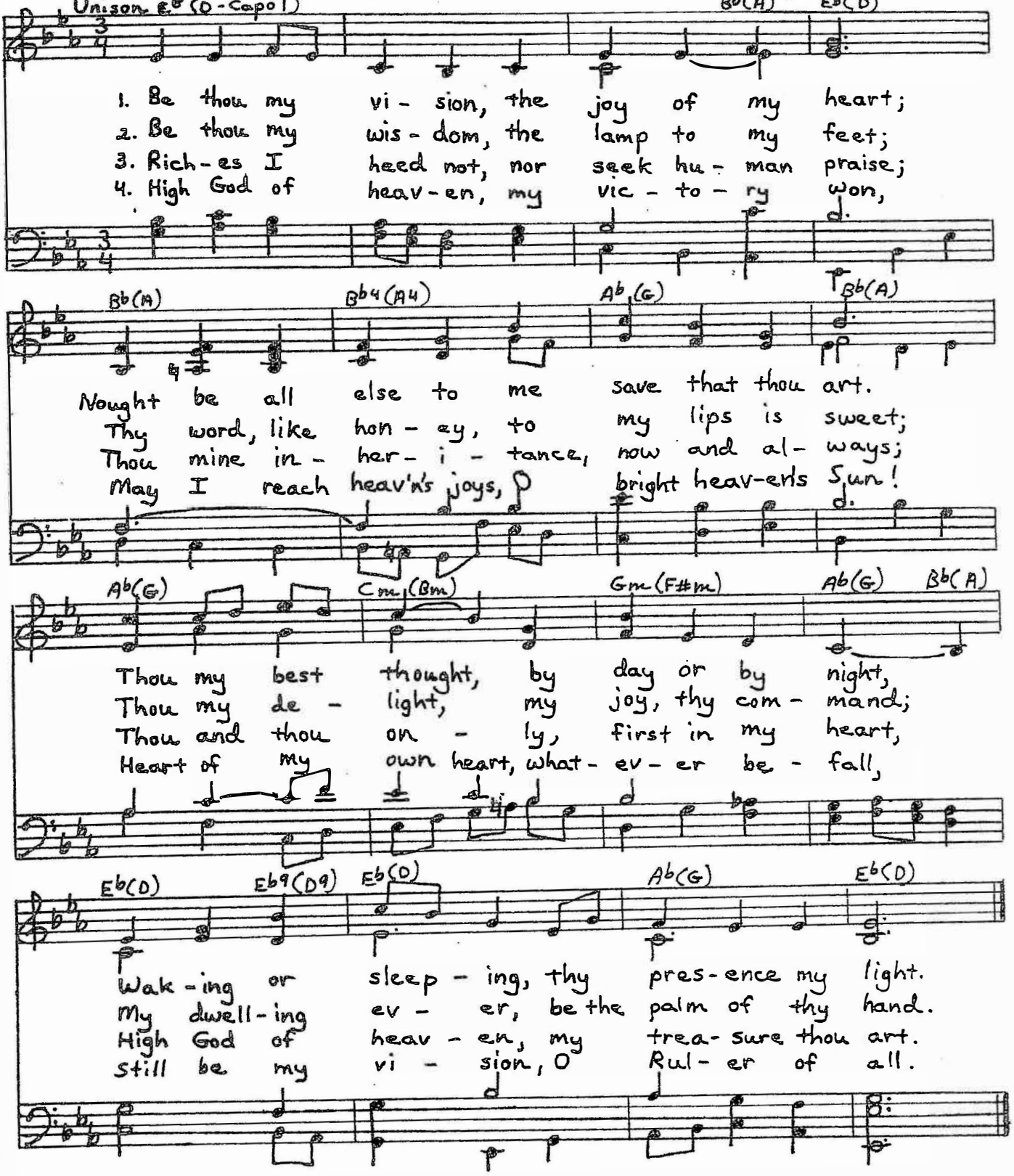
23 Em7 A Bm Am D G D/F♯ Em7 A D

shows the way; let it shine, let it shine, and show us peace to-day.

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish; Ps. 119
Tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

SLANE 10. 10. 9. 10
Traditional Irish Melody
Harm. by David Evans, 1927


Unison Eb (D-Capo 1)
Bb(A) Eb(D)
1. Be thou my vi - sion, the joy of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, the lamp to my feet;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor seek hu - man praise;
4. High God of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
Bb(A) Bb4(A4) Ab(G) Bb(A)
Nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thy word, like hon - ey, to my lips is sweet;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
May I reach heav'n's joys, bright heav - en's Sun!
Ab(G) Cm(Bm) Gm(F#m) Ab(G) Bb(A)
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my de - light, my joy, thy com - mand;
Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
Eb(D) Eb9(D9) Eb(D) Ab(G) Eb(D)
Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
My dwell - ing ev - er, be the palm of thy hand.
High God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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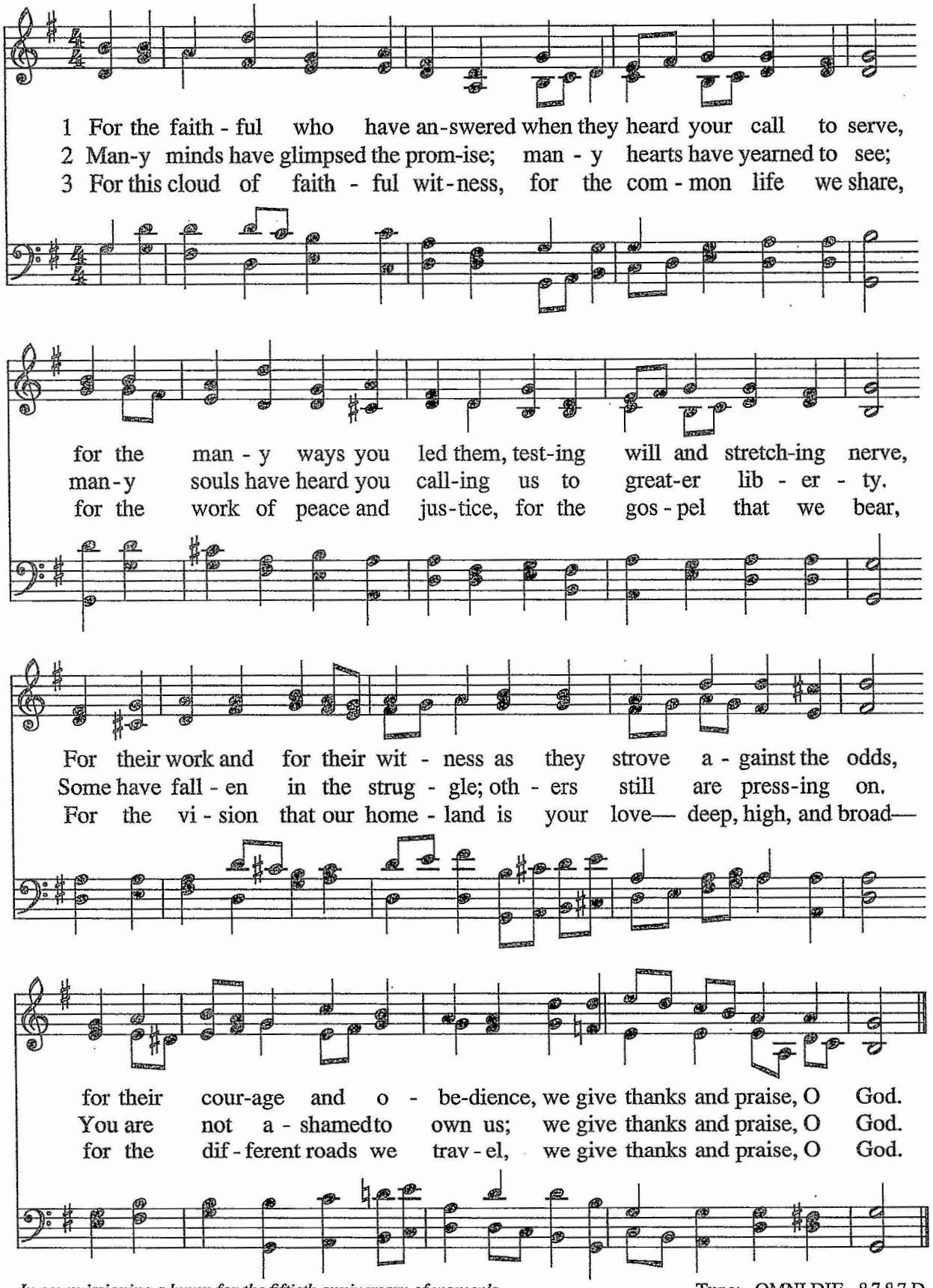
384 For the Faithful Who Have Answered

Heb. 11:4–12:2

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1986; alt.


1 For the faith - ful who have an-swered when they heard your call to serve,
for the man - y ways you led them, test-ing will and stretch-ing nerve,
2 Man-y minds have glimpsed the prom-ise; man - y hearts have yearned to see;
man-y souls have heard you call-ing us to great-er lib - er - ty.
3 For this cloud of faith - ful wit-ness, for the com - mon life we share,
for the work of peace and jus-tice, for the gos - pel that we bear,
For their work and for their wit - ness as they strove a - gainst the odds,
Some have fall - en in the strug - gle; oth - ers still are press-ing on.
For the vi - sion that our home - land is your love— deep, high, and broad—
for their cour-age and o - be-dience, we give thanks and praise, O God.
You are not a - shamedto own us; we give thanks and praise, O God.
for the dif - ferent roads we trav - el, we give thanks and praise, O God.

In commissioning a hymn for the fiftieth anniversary of women's ordination in 1986, the United Church of Canada specified that it should concentrate on all people's faithful response to God's call. Sylvia Dunstan selected Hebrews 11 and 12 as her primary reference.

Tune: OMNI DIE 8.7.8.7.D.
German melody, 1625
Trier Gesangbuch, *1695*

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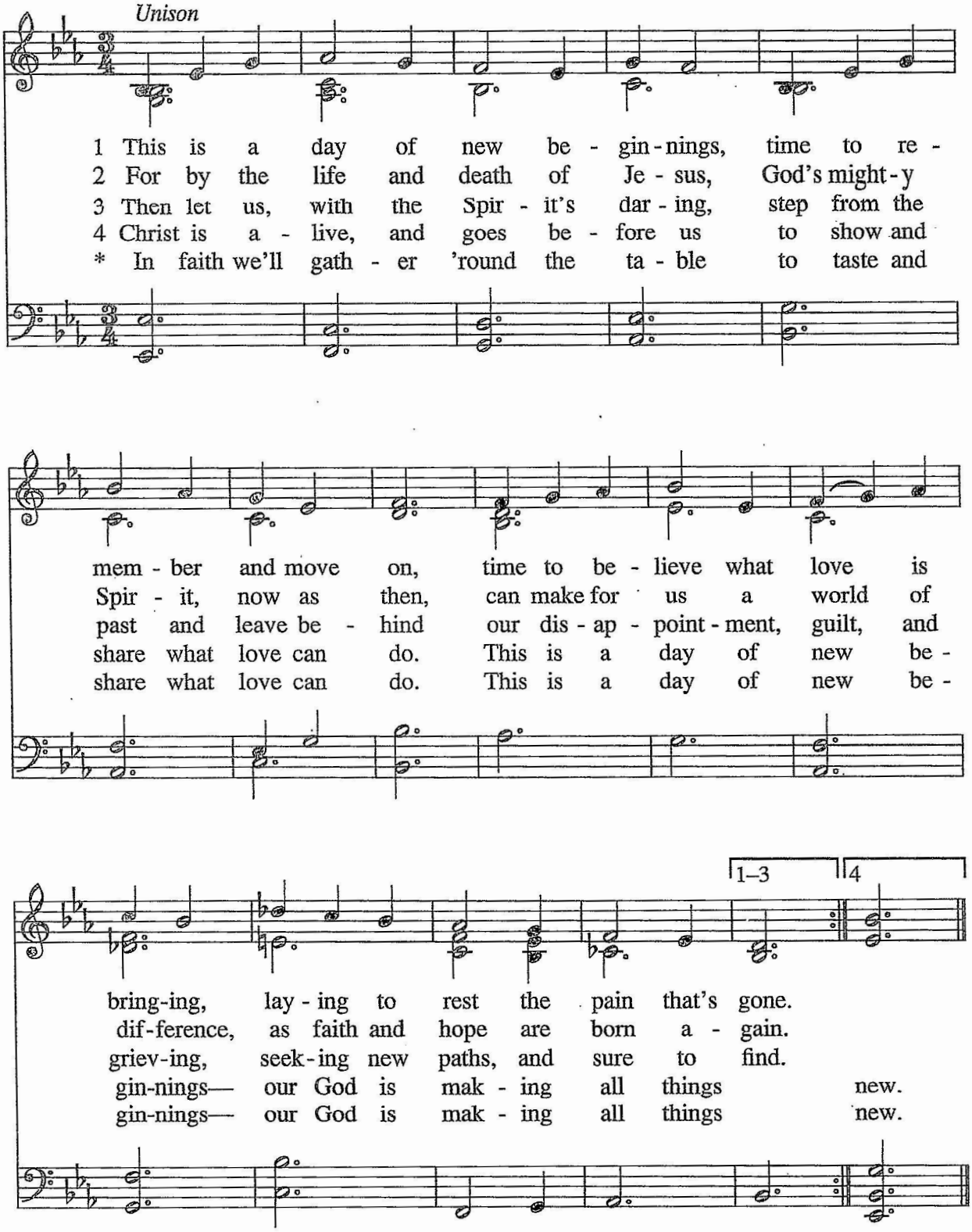
417 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

2 Cor. 5:16–17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983


Unison
1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and
* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and
mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -
1–3
4
bring-ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.
dif-ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.
griev-ing, seek-ing new paths, and sure to find.
gin-nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.
gin-nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.

*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
Carlton R. Young, 1987

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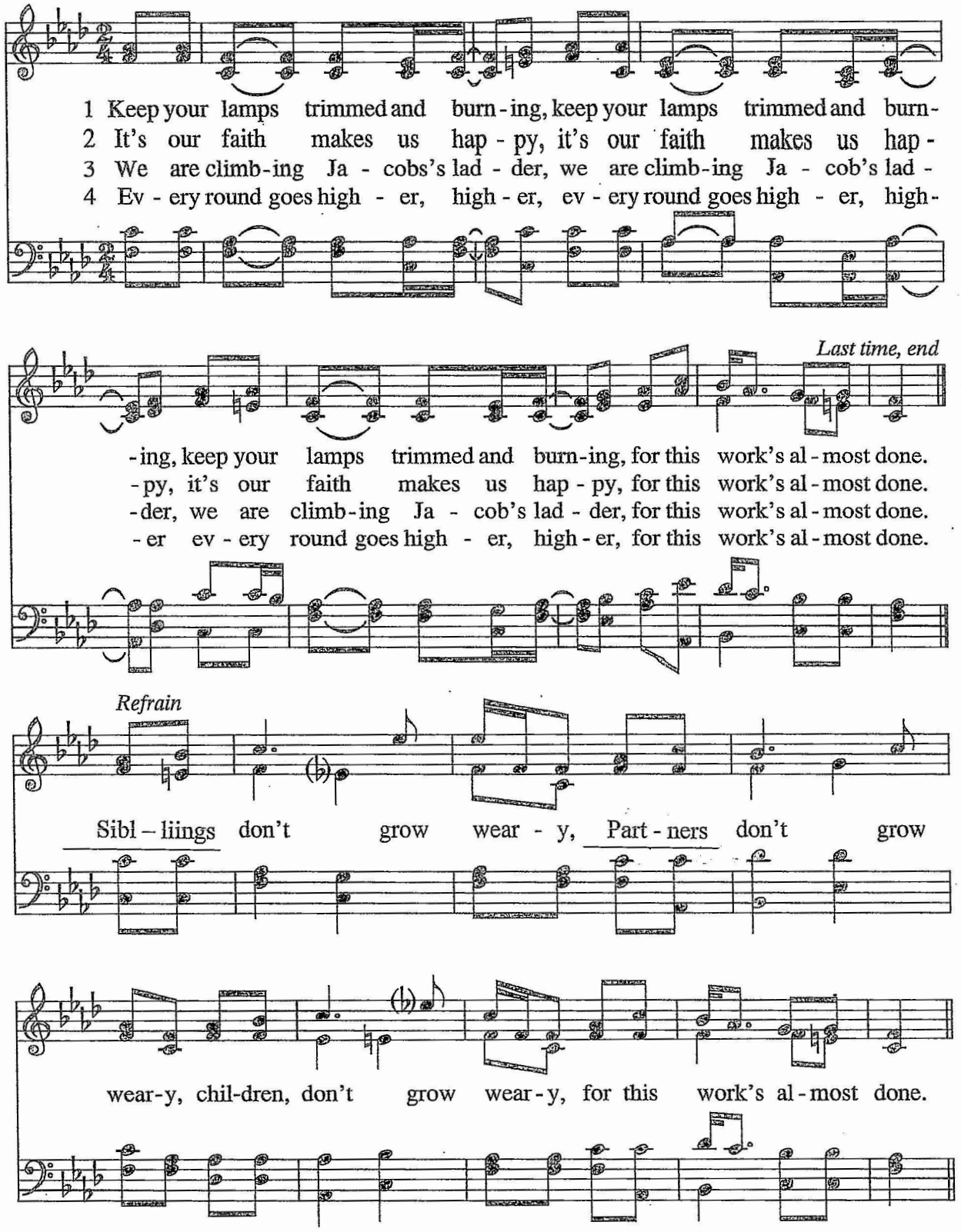
369 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Matt. 25:1–13; Gal. 6:9

African-American spiritual


1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn-ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn-
2 It's our faith makes us hap-py, it's our faith makes us hap-
3 We are climb-ing Ja-cobs's lad-der, we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-
4 Ev-ery round goes high-er, high-er, ev-ery round goes high-er, high-
Last time, end
-ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn-ing, for this work's al-most done.
-py, it's our faith makes us hap-py, for this work's al-most done.
-der, we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, for this work's al-most done.
-er ev-ery round goes high-er, high-er, for this work's al-most done.
Refrain
Sibl-liings don't grow wear-y, Part-ners don't grow
wear-y, chil-dren, don't grow wear-y, for this work's al-most done.

By tradition, a leader may call out substitute words for the refrain, such as "Christians don't grow weary, Christians don't grow weary, . . ." *etc., or* "people," "preacher," *or any others that may be appropriate.*

This spiritual is possibly one of the code songs in which to keep one's lamp "trimmed and burning" could have meant keeping a lookout for a conductor of the underground railroad, such as Harriet Tubman. It is often sung at church dedication services.

Tune: KEEP YOUR LAMPS 7.7.7.6.6.6.6.6
African-American spiritual
Harm. The New Century Hymnal, *1994*